

#### **E. PALESTINE COUNCIL 85 N. MARKET ST. 9/10/18 7 PM**

Mayor Cohen called the meeting to order, present was Mr. Hall, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Todd, Mr. Walker and Mr. Yokley. Also present was Law Director Dave Powers, Finance Director Traci Thompson and Clerk Misti Martin. Manager Monteleone was on vacation. The minutes of the 8/13/18 were approved on a motion by Mr. Walker seconded by Mr. Yokley. In reference to the August 2018 department reports Mr. Cohen said the park pool had another record setting year stating daily admissions were over \$44,000.00, season passes were over \$ 21,125.00, pool parties were \$6755.00, swim lessons and aerobics were over \$2000.00 and total park revenue for the year so far is \$91,243.00 and over 33,000 swimmers (this number was determined to be a typo with the total number of swimmers being 18,163). Mr. Walker commented we are still short 3.75 million gallons (water produced vs. billed), Mr. Cohen stated that is much less than it ever used to be and that there will always be a difference between what is produced vs. what is billed due to usage within the village that is not billed for. He said we at times saw 40% to 50% loss and we are now down to around 20%. Mr. Todd stated there is much water used at the plants and we have recently found a few major leaks and that the upcoming project at the water plant should correct any errors in the metering there. Mr. Simpson stated anything below 20% is the industry norm; the disparity comes out to around 12,000 gallons per day which is equivalent to the usage of an average house in one month. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the department reports seconded by Mr. Hall.

**AGENDA: BARB KLINER – WATER WALKERS.** Ms. Kiiner stated the program is sponsored by Salem Regional Medical Center and earn a t-shirt they have to walk one mile which is 33 laps, they had a total of 70 walkers with 67 being active. 70% of her members were from EP, 15% were from PA, 5% were from Negley/Rogers, 5% from NW and the other 5% were from miscellaneous areas. 5% of participants were aged 26-49 years, 20% were 50-59 years old, 46% were 60-69 years old, 22% were 70-79 years old, and 7% were over 80 years old. In total they walked 64,314 laps or 1,948.9 miles. The leader this year was Terry Works who walked a total of 10,365 laps or 311 miles. Mr. Cohen presented a letter to Ms. Works from Manager Monteleone giving her a free pool pass for the 2019 season for her achievement. Kliner thanked the Village for adding in the Adult Swim time which was every day from 11 to 12 with a total of 1328 people who used the pool during that time slot.

**JEAN SMITH -** Mr. Cohen stated he spoke with Mrs. Smith prior to the meeting. In ref to our yard sale sign policy, he said we are lax on our signage and that most of the signs put are illegal. He said we do try to give everyone leeway where they are concerned because they are a valuable part of our community. He said the biggest issue is people do not remove their signs after the fact, he said the ordinance states the signs must be down by six days after the sale. He stated that if anyone sees old signs they are welcome to just remove them. Mrs. Smith stated there was a beautiful sign advertising the July 4<sup>th</sup> events that was posted at the triangle on Rt. 14. She said around June 30 the sign fell over and it was never fixed, she was bothered by the fact that none traveling in that area could see the sign about the wonderful events that were planned at the park. Mr. Cohen we will have to be more careful and keep an eye on those things. There was no Clerk's, Mayor's or Manager's report.

**LAW DIRECTOR:** Atty. Powers stated he and Mgr. Monteleone met with reps from Unity Twp in reference to the JEDD and received positive feedback from them. The next step is to draft a tentative agreement that will satisfy them and Council

**STREET:** Mr. Walker stated the newly paved streets look fantastic. Mr. Todd stated council had previously discussed plowing during snow emergencies and how to handle cars parked on the street. Atty. Powers stated we already have ordinances that will handle that issue, he stated he, and Mgr. Monteleone and Chief Brown spoke at length about the issue. He stated the options are either plowing the vehicle in or having it towed (at the Police Chiefs discretion). Mr. Cohen said he was recently asked if people can park on the street overnight temporarily if they contacted the PD in advance to let them know. Chief Brown said they have a long standing policy that that is allowed. Mr. Yokley stated residents just need to contact the dispatcher with the address and make and model of the car that will be parked on the street.

**SAFETY/PARK/REC/CEM:** Mr. Cohen stated the EP Band Parents sponsored the Car Cruise and it was held at the park this year. It was the first time it was held at the park and it was quite successful with a good turnout. Mr. Yokley stated the EP Firefighters Association is sponsoring the Clark Street Block Party, it's a free event for the community, and it is Saturday September 29 with free food and drink from 5 to 10 pm. There will a DJ, a bounce house, corn hole and kids movie at dusk with popcorn. The event is so everyone can learn more about the fire department and is free to the public.

**DEVELOPMENT: NO REPORT**

**UTILITY:** Mr. Todd stated the bid opening for the water treatment project will be this Friday September 14 at 11:00 am. He said they also met with the engineers a couple weeks ago on the sewage treatment project, he said everyone is on board with the project including the EPA. Mr. Todd said we should have the 100% plan by December

**FINANCE: NO REPORT**

**VISITORS:** Barb Kliner, Terry Works, Sandy Wales, Chief Jim Brown, Jean Smith, Sarah Weir, Raymond Wagner Jr. ,Carolyn Wilson, Jeanette Isreal, Ron & Cheryl Uslenghi, Deb & Dean Cope & Katie White.

**THERE WERE NO VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION**

**LEGISLATION:** Mr. Simpson introduced Ord. 10-2018 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance amending Section 242.05 of the Codified Ordinances of the Municipality of East Palestine, Ohio.** Mr. Simpson called for a vote on Ord. 10-2018. Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Hall-y, Mr. Simpson-y, Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Walker-y, Mr. Yokley-y. 6 yes to pass.

**ADJOURN:** Mr. Walker made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hall. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

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**MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK**

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**MAYOR ALAN COHEN**